

## ARIZONA STATEWIDE

*Interview Schedule*



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Project: 19013

N=800 Registered Voters

Margin of Error: +3.14%

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1. Now, generally speaking, do you think things in Arizona are headed in the right direction or are they pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

56% RIGHT DIRECTION

34% WRONG TRACK

8% DON'T KNOW

2% REFUSED

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Moving on, as you may know, the system of police, courts, jails, and prisons is sometimes called the criminal justice system...

2. Generally speaking, do you think the criminal justice system here in Arizona...

56% Needs significant improvements

...or...

39% Is working pretty well as it is?

4% OTHER/DON'T KNOW

1% REFUSED

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3. And, if there was additional funding available to help reduce crime in Arizona, which ONE of the following should receive it?

41%	Schools and K-12 education
22%	Drug or mental health treatment
18%	Police departments
8%	Job training and workforce development
6%	Services to support families
1%	Jails and prisons
1%	Courts and district attorneys
2%	DON'T KNOW
1%	REFUSED

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4. And, in your opinion, how important is it to reduce the number of people who are in jail or prison here in Arizona?

41%	VERY IMPORTANT
39%	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
11%	NOT VERY IMPORTANT
	...or...
7%	NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL?
2%	DON'T KNOW
*	REFUSED
<b>80%</b>	<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>
<b>18%</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>

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5. And, for most people who are sent to jail or prison, do you think being incarcerated...

47%	Makes them MORE LIKELY to commit crimes in the future
20%	Makes them LESS LIKELY to commit crimes in the future
	...or...
29%	Doesn't have an impact either way?
4%	DON'T KNOW
1%	REFUSED

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Now I'm going to read you a list of several criminal justice reform proposals being considered here in Arizona. After I read each one, please tell me whether you support or oppose that proposal...

	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>STRG SUPPORT</b>	<b>SMWT SUPPORT</b>	<b>SMWT OPPOSE</b>	<b>STRG OPPOSE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>	<b>REF- USED</b>
<b><i>RANKED BY % STRONGLY SUPPORT</i></b>								
9. Allowing most people sentenced to prison to earn an additional 25 percent off their time behind bars if they maintain good behavior and participate in rehabilitation programs.	<b>88%</b>	<b>10%</b>	58%	30%	4%	5%	2%	*
10. Allowing judges to determine the most appropriate punishment if they find that the mandatory minimum sentence is not justified based on the crime and the individual.	<b>79%</b>	<b>19%</b>	47%	31%	8%	11%	2%	*
11. Ending the practice of keeping people in jail before trial if they have been charged with a misdemeanor or a non-violent felony crime.	<b>69%</b>	<b>29%</b>	44%	25%	14%	15%	1%	1%
6. Punishing people convicted of drug possession with a misdemeanor rather than a felony sentence, punishable by up to one year in jail.	<b>64%</b>	<b>31%</b>	39%	25%	13%	18%	4%	1%
12. Ending the practice of banning people from voting if they have unpaid criminal justice debt such as court fines and fees.	<b>54%</b>	<b>45%</b>	35%	19%	17%	28%	1%	*
8. Limiting the amount of time that someone can be sent to prison for violating the rules of probation, for example, missing a meeting or failing a drug test, if a new crime hasn't been committed.	<b>67%</b>	<b>30%</b>	32%	35%	14%	16%	3%	*
7. Punishing people convicted of stealing less than five-thousand dollars with a misdemeanor rather than a felony sentence, punishable by up to one year in jail.	<b>59%</b>	<b>38%</b>	25%	34%	16%	22%	2%	1%

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Moving on...

13. As you may know, Arizona is one of only three states that does not allow people to earn more than fifteen percent off their prison sentence, even if they maintain good behavior and participate in programs that reduce their risk to commit another crime after they are released.

Knowing this, which ONE of the following comes closer to your own opinion?

23% It is important to keep everyone in prison for at least eighty-five percent of their sentence regardless of whether they participate in rehabilitation programs.

...or...

75% It is important to reward people for participating in rehabilitation programs and Arizona should allow people to earn more time off their sentence.

2% DON'T KNOW

1% REFUSED

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Thinking again about the incentives that are offered for participating in prison programs that make people less likely to commit crimes in the future...

14. How much time do you think people should be able to earn off their sentence for maintaining good behavior and making progress towards rehabilitation?

22%	15 percent
44%	25 percent
22%	50 percent
	...or would you say they should be able to earn...
8%	More than 50 percent?
3%	DON'T KNOW
1%	REFUSED

**66% < 50 PERCENT**

**30% > 50 PERCENT**

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15. And, how much time would you allow people to earn off their prison sentence if they are serving time for non-violent offenses only?

13%	15 percent
26%	25 percent
36%	50 percent
	...or would you say they should be able to earn...
22%	More than 50 percent?
2%	DON'T KNOW
*	REFUSED

**39% < 50 PERCENT**

**59% > 50 PERCENT**

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On another topic...

16. In Arizona, people can be charged as a repetitive offender if they have more than one felony conviction. This additional punishment can more than double or triple the length of prison sentences, even if both the current and prior conviction are for non-violent drug or property crimes.

Knowing this, which ONE of the following comes closer to your own opinion?

59% People should only be charged as a repetitive offender and have time added to their prison sentence if they have been convicted of a violent crime.

...or...

39% Repetitive offender charges and additional prison time should be available for all offenses, even if a person has not been convicted of a violent crime.

2% DON'T KNOW  
\* REFUSED

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17. Under Arizona's sentencing system, judges have to impose mandatory prison terms depending on the offense and the defendant's criminal history, even if they find that the mandatory minimum sentence is not justified.

Knowing this, which ONE of the following comes closer to your own opinion?

25% It is important to maintain Arizona's "mandatory sentencing" system where people convicted of the same offense receive the same sentence regardless of the circumstances of the individual or crime.

...or...

74% It is important to give judges discretion to sentence below the minimum if they find that the mandatory minimum is not justified in a particular case.

1% DON'T KNOW

\* REFUSED

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18. And, generally speaking, do you support or oppose removing convictions from an eligible person's record after they have completed the terms of their sentence, including probation and parole, and remained crime-free for a period of time?

43% STRONGLY SUPPORT

32% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

12% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

10% STRONGLY OPPOSE

2% DON'T KNOW

1% REFUSED

**74% TOTAL SUPPORT**

**23% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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And, to be sure we have a representative sample...

D1. In what year were you born?

20%	18 - 34
20%	35 - 44
12%	45 - 54
21%	55 - 64
27%	65 AND ABOVE

\* REFUSED

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Next, I'm going to read you a list of life experiences, and for each one, please tell me if you or someone in your household have experienced them. If you'd prefer not to answer, just let me know.

	<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>YES, SELF</b>	<b>YES, HH</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>REF</b>
D2.	Being a victim of a crime, whether or not it was reported to the police					
	<b>55%</b>	42%	29%	43%	*	2%
D3.	Served in the military or armed forces					
	<b>38%</b>	11%	30%	61%	*	1%
D4.	Served as a law enforcement officer					
	<b>12%</b>	4%	9%	87%	*	1%
D5.	Been convicted of a crime					
	<b>19%</b>	8%	13%	80%	—	1%
D6.	Served time in jail or prison					
	<b>18%</b>	6%	14%	80%	*	1%
D7.	Had anxiety, depression, or another mental health issue that interfered with your or their well-being					
	<b>31%</b>	16%	22%	66%	1%	1%
D8.	Had substance abuse or addiction issues, including alcohol, prescription medication, or other drugs					
	<b>23%</b>	6%	18%	75%	*	2%

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Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

D9. And what was the last grade you completed in school?

*	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
2%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
17%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
3%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
31%	SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
32%	GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
14%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
*	REFUSED

**54% LESS COLLEGE**

**45% COLLEGE GRAD+**

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D10. And, regardless of your present feelings about politics and current events, do the voter registration records currently show you to be registered as...

a Republican,  
a Democrat,  
...or something else?

21%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
14%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
8%	LEAN REPUBLICAN
17%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT/UNDECLARED
9%	LEAN DEMOCRATIC
9%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
22%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
*	REFUSED

**35% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**

**31% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**

**34% TOTAL LEAN/INDEPENDENT**

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D11. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

19%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
20%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
35%	MODERATE
11%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
12%	VERY LIBERAL
2%	DON'T KNOW
1%	REFUSED
<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE</b>
<b>23%</b>	<b>TOTAL LIBERAL</b>

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D12. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

20%	YES, HISPANIC
80%	NO, NOT HISPANIC
—	DON'T KNOW
*	REFUSED

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**(IF D12:2-3, ASK)**

D13. And again, for statistical purposes only, other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage?

3%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
74%	WHITE
20%	HISPANIC OR LATINO AMERICAN
1%	ASIAN AMERICAN
1%	AMERICAN INDIAN
*	OTHER
1%	REFUSED

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D14. Gender.

47%	MALE
53%	FEMALE

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